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BLM issues Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Tazlina River and Tazlina Lake

Anchorage-Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Director Henri Bisson signed a disclaimer of interest August 15, 2005 stating the federal government has no valid interest to approximately forty (40) miles of riverbed underlying the navigable waters of Tazlina River and approximately 36,480 acres of lakebed underlying Tazlina Lake.

Since the Submerged Lands Act of 1988 made certain navigability decisions final for the Department of the Interior and conveyed submerged lands to riparian owners, the decision granted the State's application for Tazlina River and Lake.

In 1976, Congress gave the Interior Department discretionary authority under Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act to issue recordable disclaimers of interest. Disclaimers of interest may be used to remove a cloud, or a perceived cloud, on a title when a determination has been made that such lands are not lands of the United States and the United States does not hold a valid interest in those lands. A recordable disclaimer of interest is a document that affirms the United States does not claim an interest in specific lands – it is prepared in such a way that will meet local requirements so that it may be “recorded” – hence the “recordable disclaimer of interest.”

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